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- CLAIM AMENDMENTS -

Please amend the claims as follows, such that a listing of an entire set of claims 1-27 reads as follows. This listing of claims 1-27 will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. New claims 23-27 have been added, without adding new matter. Support for claims 23-27 can be found, *inter alia*, in the specification at pages 3-16.

1. (Original) A method for operating a telematics unit within a mobile vehicle communication system, the method comprising:

receiving a restricted use command from a service provider;
initiating a restricted use mode based on the received restricted use
command; and

modulating a transmission rate of at least one registration request based on the restricted use mode.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the restricted use command comprises a contact increment.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the contact increment comprises contact rate information.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the contact increment comprises contact initiation information.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the contact increment is one or more predetermined values.

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- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the restricted use mode operates the telematics unit in a low-power configuration.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein modulating the transmission rate of the registration request comprises:

identifying a contact increment within the received restricted use command:

determining contact information within the contact increment; and implementing the modulated transmission rate based on the determined contact information.

- 8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]]-2, further comprising: receiving an updated contact increment from the service provider; and providing updated telematics information to the service provider; wherein receiving the updated eommunication information contact increment is synchronized with a registration request.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the updated telematics information is selected from the group consisting of: vehicle location, system energy level, ignition cycles, ignition status and diagnostic trouble codes.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 detecting an emergency event; and
 initiating an emergency use mode responsive to the detected emergency
 event.

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11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein the emergency event is selected from the group consisting of: vehicle theft, airbag deployment, a predetermined reading from collision sensors and an emergency button press.

12. (Original) A computer readable medium for operating a telematics unit within a mobile vehicle, comprising:

computer readable code for processing a received restricted use command from a service provider,

computer readable code for initiating a restricted use mode based on the received restricted use command; and

computer readable code for modulating a transmission rate of at least one registration request based on the restricted use mode.

- 13. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the restricted use command comprises a contact increment.
- 14. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein the contact increment comprises contact rate information.
- 15. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein the contact increment comprises contact initiation information.
- 16. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein the contact increment is one or more predetermined values.
- 17. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the restricted use mode operates the telematics unit in a low-power configuration.

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18. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the computer readable code for modulating the transmission rate of the registration request comprises:

computer readable code for identifying a contact increment within the received restricted use command;

computer readable code for determining contact information within the contact increment; and

computer readable code for implementing the modulated transmission rate based on the determined contact information.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim [[12]] 13, further comprising:

computer readable code for processing a received updated contact increment from the service provider; and

computer readable code for providing updated telematics information to the service provider;

wherein receiving the updated eommunication information contact increment is synchronized with a registration request.

- 20. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 19, wherein the updated telematics information is selected from the group consisting of: vehicle location, system energy level, ignition cycles, ignition status and diagnostic trouble codes.
- 21. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 12, further comprising:

computer readable code for detecting an emergency event; and computer readable code for initiating an emergency use mode responsive to the detected emergency event.

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22. (Original) A system for operating a telematics unit within a mobile vehicle, the system comprising:

means for receiving a restricted use command from a service provider;

means for initiating a restricted use mode based on the received restricted use command; and

means for modulating a transmission rate of at least one registration request based on the restricted use mode.

23. (New) A method for operating a telematics unit within a mobile vehicle communication system, the method comprising:

receiving a restricted use command from the call center, the restricted use command including a specified period of vehicle inactivity;

initiating a restricted use mode based on the received restricted use command; programming the telematics unit to synchronize transmission timing to the call center of at least one registration request based on the restricted use mode;

repeating the synchronized transmission of at least one registration request at a specified rate until the specified period of vehicle inactivity terminates; and returning the telematics unit to normal operating mode after the specified period of vehicle inactivity terminates.

- 24. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the restricted use mode includes instructing the telematics unit to operate in a low-power configuration.
- 25. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the synchronized transmission of at least one registration request includes information selected from the group consisting of: vehicle location, system energy level, ignition cycles, ignition status and diagnostic trouble codes.

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- 26. (New) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

 detecting the mobile vehicle has been accessed; and
 initiating a mobile vehicle accessed mode responsive to the detected
 access to the mobile vehicle.
- 27. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the origin of the specific period of vehicle inactivity is selected from the group consisting of: end user, factory programmed, and call center.